

previous years. Upto 31.5.1996 nearly 1505 lakh tonnes of sugarcane had been crushed as against nearly 1476 lakh tonnes crushed for the whole year in the previous season 1994-95, which was a record production year till then. Even after 31.5.1996 many sugar mills were continuing their crushing operation.

In order to enable the sugar factories to crush the available cane and to improve the liquidity of sugar mills, the Government have taken various measures like grant of incentives for late crushing, creation of buffer stocks and permission for export of sugar. Reserve Bank of India has also given more relaxation to sugar factories for availing of higher credit limits against sugar stocks.

STATEMENT

Sugarcane Production in India

(In thousand tonnes)

State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 (Advance)
Andhra Pradesh	13474.2	15991.2	14349
Assam	1373.9	1505.0	1514
Bihar	4397.9	5667.3	5667
Goa	71.4	53.7	
Gujarat	10232.0	10785.0	9800
Haryana	6420.0	7010.0	7500
Himachal Pradesh	26.1	26.1	26
Jammu & Kashmir	11.2	11.2	10
Karnataka	26602.9	30325.1	27560
Kerala	447.9	448.8	500
Madhya Pradesh	1084.0	1511.0	2000
Maharashtra	27891.5	44260.3	44280
Manipur	58.8	58.8	
Meghalaya	2.3	2.1	
Mizoram	5.7	7.6	
Nagaland	193.4	125.0	
Orissa	781.0	1198.6	1199
Punjab	4710.0	5156.0	9180
Rajasthan	1020.0	986.9	958
Tamil Nadu	25991.8	35236.0	28400
Tripura	72.2	72.2	
Uttar Pradesh	104081.6	109907.7	112839
West Bengal	542.4	648.9	1052
A and N Islands	4.4	4.4	
Pondicherry	162.7	225.8	550*
All India	229659.3	271228.7	267384

Note : * = Others

[Translation]

Greater Nainital Lake Region Integrated Project

2159. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received an amended proposal for Greater Nainital Lake Region Integrated Project for grant of the financial assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken so far thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh have submitted a proposal for the conservation of Nainital Lake at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.25 crores under the proposed National Lake Conservation Plan. The proposal includes schemes for catchment area conservation, collection and disposal of city sewage, solid waste management, silting and face lifting of the lake, limnological studies and public awareness.

(c) Considering the nature and scope of the proposed project, it has been recommended for support under bilateral assistance programme.

Suspension of Trains

2160. SHRI CHUN CHUN PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that train service has been discontinued on Bhagalpur-Mandar hill rail line in Bihar due to the damage caused by floods at many places to the said rail line in September last; and

(b) if so, the position of repair work of the said rail line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Train services on the section have been resorted from 1-7-96.

[English]

Allotment of Stalls

2161. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of Snack bars/Tea/Book Stalls allotted by Government during the last three years;

(b) the quota of women entrepreneurs in such allotments, year-wise; and

(c) the procedure being followed for the allotment of such stalls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) and (c). As per Catering Policy, allotment of catering/vending contracts is made by the Zonal Railways by inviting applications through press advertisement. Applications so received are screened by a Screening Committee and contract awarded to the most suitable applicant on merits. Women entrepreneurs are eligible to apply for such contracts but no quota has been stipulated.

Fishing Harbours

2162. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fishing harbours aided, developed and managed by the Central Government in Kerala;

(b) the details of the progress made for the development of Munambham fishing harbour of the Ernakulam District; and

(c) the amount spent of this harbour so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) One major fishery harbour, Cochin Stage-I in Kerala has been completed and its Stage-II is nearing completion for which 100% funds are provided by Government of India to Cochin Port Trust.

Four minor fishing harbours and twenty fish landing centres have been completed and six minor fishing harbours and two fish landing centres have been sanctioned by Government of India. The major fishery harbour at Cochin is managed by Cochin Port Trust under the Government of India and the other minor harbours and fish landing centres are managed by the State Government.

(b) For the development of Munambham fishery harbour, initial works of land acquisition, bridges, security-room are almost completed; main works of breakwaters, reclamation, quay wall, auction hall are at an advanced stage of construction; other small works of canteen, provision-store etc. are at various stages of progress

(c) An amount of Rs. 954.83 lakh is spent upto May, 1996 on Munambham fishery harbour.

Delhi State

2163. SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA :

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to give full Statehood status to Delhi;

(b) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The question of an appropriate structure for the administration of the National Capital was considered by the Committee on Reorganisation of Delhi set-up, commonly known as the Balakrishnan Committee. After a thorough consideration of the matter, the Committee concluded that it would not be in the national interest and in the interest of Delhi itself to restructure the set-up in Delhi as a full-fledged constituent State of the Union. In view of this recommendation and since the Central Government has to discharge special responsibilities in relation to the National Capital, it was not considered feasible in the larger national interest to grant Delhi a full-fledged Statehood.

As a result of the Constitution (69th Amendment) Act, 1991 and the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991, Delhi has got a Legislative Assembly and a Council of Ministers responsible to it. No proposal to change the existing set-up is under consideration.

Funds for Soil Conservation

2164. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated to Assam for the Centrally sponsored scheme of soil conservation during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount actually utilised by the State Government;

(c) the reasons for not utilisation of the full amount by the State Government; and

(d) the progress made so far in the implementation of soil conservation scheme in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The amount allocated to State of Assam under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Soil conservation and